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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1958



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OFFICERS AND STAFF

Clerk to the Authority:

John Bowdon, A.C.C.S.

Public Health Staff:

Medical Officer of Health

J. Marshall, M.B., Ch.B.,
D.P.H., until 31.3.58.
C.F. Lynch, M.B., B.Ch.,
B.A.O., D.P.H., with
effect from 1.4.58.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health

J.A. Kelly, M.B., B.Ch.,
B.A.O., D.P.H., with
effect from 5.5.58.

Surveyor & Public Health Inspector

Robert Finn, M.R.S.H.,
M.A.P.H.I., Cert. Meat
and Other Foods Inspector.

Assistant Surveyor & Additional
Public Health Inspector

J. Healy, M.A.P.H.I.,
Cert. Meat and Other
Foods Inspector.

Clerk & Typist

Miss M.E. Vincent.

Refuse Collection and
Cesspool Emptying

1 foreman
4 drivers
6 loaders
2 sewage disposal works
attendants.

Rodent Operator (part time)

E.C. Pidduck.

Health Department,
Brook House,
DOVER.

TO: The Chairman and Members of the Elham Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Rural District for the year 1958.

During the first 3 months of the year Dr. J. Marshall was Acting Medical Officer of Health and I would like to record my appreciation of his helpful co-operation in facilitating my taking over the duties of office.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population was 9,490 which is an increase of 30 on the estimate for the previous year.

The Birth Rate after adjustment for comparative purposes was 14.6 per 1,000 of the population - a decrease of 0.2 from the year before. The rate for England and Wales was 16.4.

The Death Rate after adjustment was 9.6 per 1,000 of the population - an increase of 2.2 compared with the figure for 1957. It is, however, lower than the rate for England and Wales which was 11.7. Diseases of the heart or blood-vessels accounted for the majority of deaths. Cancer was the next most frequent cause and although deaths from this cause were lower than in 1957, approximately one quarter of these, or seven in all, were due to cancer of the lung in males over middle age. There was one death of an infant under 12 months and one unrelated maternal death. There were 10 deaths from Influenza an outbreak of which began in the Autumn of the preceding year. There were also 9 deaths from Pneumonia which, in its primary or influenzal form is a notifiable disease. Only one such notification was received during the year.

The incidence of other infectious diseases was low and it is encouraging to note that immunisations against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough were well maintained while the number of vaccinations against Poliomyelitis rose greatly during the year.

The sanitary circumstance of the District continued to receive close attention and further progress can be recorded in the field of environmental hygiene, details of which will be found in the report of the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

I have to thank the Council for their interest and support and also the Staff generally for their assistance in the work of the Department during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

C. F. Lynch

Medical Officer of Health

Statistics

Area: 36,685 acres.

Population: The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid year population of the District was 9,490 (9,460 in 1957).

Number of Inhabited Houses: 3,043.

Rateable Value: £102,207.

Sum represented by penny rate: £428 (approx.)

SECTION A - EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

1. BIRTHS:

(a) Registered Live Births:-

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	53	72	125
Illegitimate	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>56</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>131</u>

Comparability Factor = 1.06

Crude Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	13.80
Crude Legitimate Live Births per 1,000 estimated population	13.17
Crude Illegitimate Live Births per 1,000 estimated population	0.63
Adjusted Live Birth Rate for comparative purposes	14.63

(b) Stillbirths:-

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	3	5
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

Stillbirth Rate (Per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths) 43.8

2. DEATHS:

Registered	Male	Female	Total
	124	89	213

Comparability Factor = 0.43

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	22.44
Adjusted for comparative purposes	9.65

NOTE: Comparability Factors are factors derived by the Registrar General from the final 1951 Census populations in order to make an approximate allowance for the way in which the sex and age distributions of the local population differs from that for England and Wales. After multiplying the crude birth and death rates for the area by this comparability factor, the rates so adjusted are comparable with the crude rate for England and Wales or with the corresponding adjusted rate for other areas. The death rate area comparability factors have been adjusted specifically to take account of the presence of any residential institutions in each area, while the birth rate factors have been adjusted to take account of the presence of sterile population in institutions for the mentally ill or mentally deficient.

3. INFANT MORTALITY:

Deaths under 1 year.	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births 7.64

4. CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1958:

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	-	2
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	3	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	-	7
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	9	4	13
Leukaemia and aleukaemia	-	1	1
Diabetes	1	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	16	14	30
Coronary disease, angina	21	11	32
Hypertension with Heart disease	-	4	4
Other heart diseases	25	23	46
Other circulatory disease	3	4	7
Influenza	10	-	10
Pneumonia	2	7	9
Bronchitis	8	3	11
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	-	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	2	3
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	4	-	4
Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	-	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	5	13
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
All other accidents	2	1	3
Suicide	-	2	2
	<u>124</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>213</u>

5. SPECIALLY RECORDED DEATHS:

Measles (all ages)	-
Whooping Cough (all ages)	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-
Cancer (all ages)	127

Rate per 1,000 estimated population

	<u>Elham Rural District</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
(i) Lungs and bronchus	0.74	0.439
(ii) other	2.11	1.685

AGE GROUPS IN WHICH DEATHS FROM CANCER OCCURRED

CANCER OF:-	15 - 24		25 - 44		45 - 64		65 - 74		75 and Over		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
STOMACH	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	2	2	3
LUNG, BRONCHUS	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	1	-	7	-
UTERUS	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
OTHER SITES	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	5	3	9	4
TOTALS	1	-	-	1	5	-	6	2	6	6	18	9

6. COMPARATIVE RATES:

	Elham Rural District	England & Wales
	1937	1958
	(per 1,000 Home Population)	
<u>BIRTHS:</u>		
Live Births Crude:	13.85	16.4
Live Births Adjusted:	14.86	-
Still Births	0.42	0.36
<u>DEATHS:</u>		
Crude:	23.26	11.7
Adjusted:	7.4	-
<u>DEATHS: (per 1,000 live births)</u>		
All causes under 1 year of age.	7.41	22.5
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY: (Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births)</u>		
All causes.	-	0.43
	7.30	
	(1 death)	

SECTION B - GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

(a) Hospitals:

St. Mary's Hospital, Etchinghill, situated within the Rural District, provides accommodation for the aged and infirm and chronic sick cases and is administered by the South East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board. Appropriate facilities for the treatment of acute cases, maternity cases and infectious diseases are provided by the Board's hospitals elsewhere in the region.

(b) Laboratory Facilities:

The Public Health Laboratory Service undertakes the examination of pathological and other specimens as well as the routine bacteriological examination of water, milk and other samples.

(c) Nursing and Midwifery Services:

These domiciliary services are provided by the Kent County Council which is the administrative authority for them in the Rural area. The following information on the work of the services during 1958 has been provided by the County Medical Officer:

(1)	Number of Home Nurses working in District:	..	..	..	7
	Number of Patients attended	..	..	..	129
	Number of attendances including casual visits	..	..	4,698	
(2)	Number of Midwives working in District:	..	..	6	
	Number of births attended	..	..	58	

(d) Clinics and Welfare Centres:

The County Council as the Local Health Authority and Education Authority provides various specialist and consultant services for expectant and nursing mothers, infants, toddlers and children of school age. The Regional Hospital Board also provides clinics serving the Rural Area, including those for the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis and venereal disease.

(e) Ambulance Service:

This service is administered and operated by the Kent County Council with ambulance stations in the neighbouring towns.

SECTION C - PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

1. Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis) Notified during 1958
By Age Groups - Corrected:

Age Group	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Acute Encephalitis Post Infectious	Acute Encephalitis Infectious	Scarlet Fever	Puerperal Typhemia	Dysentery	Food Poisoning
Age Unknown	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Under 1 year	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1 - 2 years	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2 - 3 years	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3 - 4 years	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4 - 5 years	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5 - 10 years	5	20	1	1	1	2	1	2	1
10 - 15 years	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
15 - 20 years	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
20 - 35 years	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
35 - 45 years	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
45 - 65 years	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
65 years and upwards	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	9	38	1	1	1	3	1	3	1
Admitted to Hospital	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
Notification Rates Per 1,000 Home Population:- Elham Rural District	0.95	4.00	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.30	7.30†	0.50	0.10
England and Wales	0.74	5.75	0.49	0.00	0.00	0.86	14.28†	0.84	0.20

†Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births.

2. FOOD POISONING:

The one case of Food Poisoning notified was in relation to a male, aged 37 years, admitted to hospital suffering from probable staphylococcal toxin infection.

3. IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION:

The Schemes for Whooping Cough and Diphtheria immunisation and Smallpox and Poliomyelitis Vaccination were continued under the administration of the Kent County Council and the following statistics are made available by the courtesy of the County Medical Officer:-

(a) Whooping Cough Immunisation:

121 Children received primary whooping cough immunisation during 1958.

(b) Diphtheria Immunisation:

Number of children resident in the District who during 1958 received:-

- (a) Primary inoculations - 118
- (b) Reinforcing inoculations - 86.

3. IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION:

(b) Diphtheria Immunisation: (cont'd.)

Number of children under the age of 15 years on the 31st December, 1958, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date.

	Under 5 years	5-15 years	Total
Last complete course of injections (Whether primary or booster) 1954-1958.	366	666	1,032
1953 or earlier	-	514	514

(c) SMALLPOX VACCINATION:

Vaccination against smallpox recorded during 1958:-

Age as at 31st December, 1958:

	<u>Under 1 year:</u>	<u>1-4 years:</u>	<u>5-14 years:</u>	<u>15 years and over</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number vaccinated	48	31	1	2	77
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	2	8	10

(d) Poliomyelitis Vaccination:

Persons resident in the District receiving injections against Poliomyelitis:-

	<u>Under 1 year:</u>	<u>1-4 years:</u>	<u>5-10 years:</u>	<u>11-14 years:</u>	<u>15 years & over:</u>
Given two injections	9	330	489	342	102
Given third injection	-	17	35	19	-

4. TUBERCULOSIS:

New cases of tuberculosis notified during 1958 were as follows:-

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1957	3	1	-	1
1958	5	4	-	-

Age grouping of the new cases notified:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
15 - 24 years	1	-	-	-
25 - 44 years	1	-	-	-
45 - 64 years	1	1	-	-
65 years and over ..	-	-	-	1

The following "Annual Statement of Tuberculosis" is compiled from the Four Quarterly Returns rendered to the County Medical Officer:-

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
(a) Number of Cases of Tuberculosis on Register as at 1st January, 1958.	41	35	2	5
(b) Number of Cases notified under Regulations of 1952 for first time during the year.	3	1	-	1
(c) Restored to Register	-	1	-	-
(d) Added to Register otherwise than by formal notification.	-	5	-	-
(e) Cases removed from Register during year, including recoveries or deaths (excluding deaths of un-notified cases).	4	2	-	-
(f) Cases on Register at end of 1958	40	36	2	6

There were no deaths from tuberculosis of un-notified cases during the year.

No action was necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, (re tuberculous persons employed in the milk trade) or Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, regarding the compulsory removal of tuberculous patients to hospital.

Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations 1952: Aliens Order 1953:

Lympne Airport:

No cases of infectious disease were reported during the year among air passengers or crews arriving at the Airport; 8,692 aliens were landed and 21 were referred for medical examination under the Aliens Order.

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SECTION D

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

1) Water Supply

The quality and quantity of the water supplied by the two Statutory Water Undertakings was satisfactory throughout the year.

Examination of samples taken during the year

Type	No.	Bacteriological	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Raw water (piped)	NIL	NIL	NIL
Raw water (not piped)	32	17	15
Treated water	9	8	1
		Chemical	
Raw water	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTALS	41	25	16

The owner of one dwelling from which several unsatisfactory samples were obtained had the main supply connected.

During the year a chlorination plant was installed at St. Mary's Hospital, Etchinghill and all subsequent samples taken proved to be satisfactory.

The Folkestone & District Water Company extended the main further up Westfield Lane in order that 7 other dwellings may be connected.

A new main, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length, was laid in Lower Wall Road, West Hythe along the boundary of Lympne Parish (Elham R.D.) and Burmarsh Parish (Ronne Marsh R.D.).

Mid Kent Water Company

Twelve reports on the bacteriological examination of water were received from Mid-Kent Water Company. The reports showed that all the samples were satisfactory.

93.7% of the total number of dwellinghouses in the district had piped supplies of water.

No. of houses with piped supply

	No. of houses	Direct to house	Stand pipe	Remarks
Acrise	37	37	Nil	Treated Water
Elham	492	454	4	do.
Elmsted	106	106	Nil	do.
Hawkinge	358	346	Nil	do.
Lyminge	523	491	2	do.
Lympne	237	230	Nil	do.
Monks Horton	42	23	Nil	Part Treated
Newington	117	84	2	Treated Water
Paddlesworth	12	9	Nil	do.
Postling	56	53	Nil	do.
Saltwood	317	316	Nil	do.
Sellindge	293	274	Nil	do.
Stanford	150	139	Nil	do.
Stelling	80	80	Nil	do.
Stelling Mimmis	64	64	Nil	do.
Stowting	68	55	Nil	do.
Swingfield	269	257	Nil	do.
TOTALS:-	3,221	3,018	8	-

2) Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Elham, Lyminge and Newington

Work on the first stage of this scheme proceeded according to schedule and should be completed in next June. Properties on the line of the sewer will be connected by the Council under the provisions of S.42 of the Public Health Act, 1936. In the case of properties served by earth or pail closets, the Council will proceed under S.47 and will pay 50% of the cost of conversion to W.Cs. Ministry approval to proceed with the second-stage of this scheme was received.

Hawkinge, Swingfield and Acrise

The scheme for sewerage the developed parts of these Parishes was submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for approval in August. The date of the public enquiry was fixed for early in 1959.

Cesspool Emptying

Cesspools were emptied by direct labour with three Dennis 800 gallon emptiers and despite overtime being worked and a vehicle being hired from Messrs. Lines of Wootton during the winter months there was a delay of up to 7 weeks between receipt and execution of requests to empty cesspools.

This delay was attributed to the unusually wet summer, the high percentage of properties connected to the water mains, new development and improvements carried out to existing properties.

3) General

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of defects found	No. remedied
Bakehouses:	4	12	2	2
Dairies (retail):	3	8	Nil	Nil
Ice cream premises:	39	64	1	1
Slaughterhouses:	4	369	6	6
Other places where food is prepared or sold:	52	110	15	15
Offensive trades:	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Factories:	42	50	4	4

Summary of visits:-

Food premises, shops and slaughterhouses	683
Factories	50
Sanitary defects, Housing & Improvement Grants	281
Petroleum Storage and Stage Play Licences	75
Sampling	78
Building operations and drainage	727
Town and Country Planning and Civil Defence	197
Miscellaneous	668
In connection with Main Drainage Schemes	146

Nuisances and defects remedied during the year:-

Baths, sinks, etc.	7
Dustbins	19
Cooking and heating	3
Dampness	8
Roofs, R.W.Ps., chimneys	12
Drainage: Reconstructions	5
Drainage: Repairs	8
Sanitary accommodation	4
Walls, ceilings and floors	9
Water supplies	2

Total No. of inspections of all kinds during the year:	2,885
" " of premises connected to main sewers:	256
" " " " " to cesspools or septic tanks:	1,770
" " " " with-pail closets) Exact figure	
" " " " with earth closets) not known	
" " " " not connected to public water supply:	205
" " Informal Notices served:	56
" " Statutory Notices served:	3

4) Control of Infestation

Rodent Control

A part time Rodent Operator was employed and disinfection was carried out in accordance with the recommendations laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries & Food.

No. of visits made:	Dwelling houses	954
	Agricultural	273
	Business Premises	72
	Local Authority	38
No. of premises treated:	Minor infestations	194
	Major infestations	68
	Mice	73

Vermis

Several minor infestations of flies, fleas and cockroaches were successfully treated.

5) Refuse Collection & Disposal

Collection of domestic refuse was undertaken by direct labour using two Bedford 7 cu. yd. covered collection vehicles.

Two driver/loaders and two loaders were employed on this service.

Disposal of refuse was by controlled tipping. Two tips were in use during the year, one at Stanford and one at Swingfield.

Salvage

Income derived from the sale of salvaged materials was £250.13.10d. 33 tons 18cwt 3 qrs. of waste paper were collected and sold, the remainder of the income was realised from the sale of scrap metals and mixed rags.

SECTION E

Food

1) Milk

No. of retailers 12
No. of dairies 3

Eight licences to use the special designation "Pasteurised" and six licences to use the special designation "Tuberculin Tested" in relation to milk sold retail were in force in the district.

2) Ice Cream

No ice cream or iced lollies were manufactured in the district. 39 premises were registered for the sale of ice cream. Only pre-wrapped ice cream was retailed in the district.

3) Meat and Other Foods

Four private slaughterhouse licences were in force.

Carcases inspected and condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed:	167	38	263	3,865	3770
Number inspected:	167	38	263	3,865	3770
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned:	Nil	Nil	2	21	12
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned:	17	6	3	297	41
% of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci:	10.15	16.0	1.1	8.09	1.08

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned:	-	-	-	-	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned:	-	3	-	-	59
% of the number inspected affected - with tuberculosis:	-	8.42	-	-	1.5
<u>Cysticercus only</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned:	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration:	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned:	-	-	-	-	-

The following foodstuffs were surrendered and condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Home killed beef:	4 cwts.	2 qrs.	14 lbs.
Home killed pork:	8 cwts.	3 qrs.	19 lbs.
Home killed mutton:	13 cwts.	2 qrs.	23 lbs.
Home killed veal:	Nil.		
Misc. tinned goods:		1 qr.	11 lbs.

Slaughtering by a wholesale butcher at one slaughterhouse has meant working after normal office hours every Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. On 46 occasions meat inspection was carried out after 9 p.m. and on 10 of these occasions after 11 p.m.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

The standard of hygiene in foodshops has gradually improved over the year due to routine inspections, and the service of informal notices.

There are no food factories in the district.

Deadweight certification of pigs (Fatstock Guarantee Scheme)

On 13th January, 1958 deadweight certification of pigs was commenced at the Slaughterhouse in Swingfield, this duty being carried out on one afternoon per week. A total of 567 pigs were certified during the year.

SECTION F

Housing

1) Number of inspections:-

Informal notices served (Housing & Public Health Acts):	47
Informal notices complied with:	45
Statutory notices served:	3
Statutory notices complied with by owner:	1
Statutory notices complied with by L.A. in default:	1

a)	Number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health and Housing Acts:	93
b)	Number of houses found to be in any respect unfit for human habitation:	48
c)	Number of houses found to be unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable cost:	24
d)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied by informal action:	42
e)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made:	11
f)	Number of houses demolished:	2
g)	Number of houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957:	Nil
h)	Number of dwelling houses reconditioned and undertakings cancelled:	Nil

2) Improvement Grants made under the Housing Act, 1949.

Number of applications received:	25	
Number of applications refused:	5	
Number of applications withdrawn:	1	
Number of dwellings involved:	21	
Total cost of works, including repairs:		£17,053. 11. 6d.
Total amount of grants made:		£5,683.

3) Building Operations

During the year 179 applications were considered under the Town and Country Planning Acts and 271 applications under the Building Byelaws.

4) Council Houses

No Council houses were erected during the year. 259 dwellings in the District were owned by the Local Authority. This was 8.402% of the total number of dwellings in the District.

5) Privately Built Houses

31 private dwellings were erected during the year and 15 were in course of erection at the end of the year.

302 post war private houses have been erected up to 31st December, 1958.

SECTION C

Miscellaneous

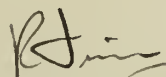
1) Inspections under Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928 & Regulations:

All petrol storage installations in the district were inspected during the year in the company of a Fire Prevention Officer of the Kent Fire Brigade. The standard of fire prevention measures has improved over the year due to these inspections.

2) Theatre Acts (as amended):

Throughout the district, all halls and other public buildings in which stage plays are publically performed were inspected in the company of a Fire Prevention Officer of the Kent Fire Brigade prior to the issue of licences under the above Acts.

During these inspections some contraventions found were subsequently remedied. As a result of these inspections all due precautions have been taken for the safety of the public, performers and employees.



Council Offices,
Lyminge.
May, 1959.

Surveyor & Public Health
Inspector.

